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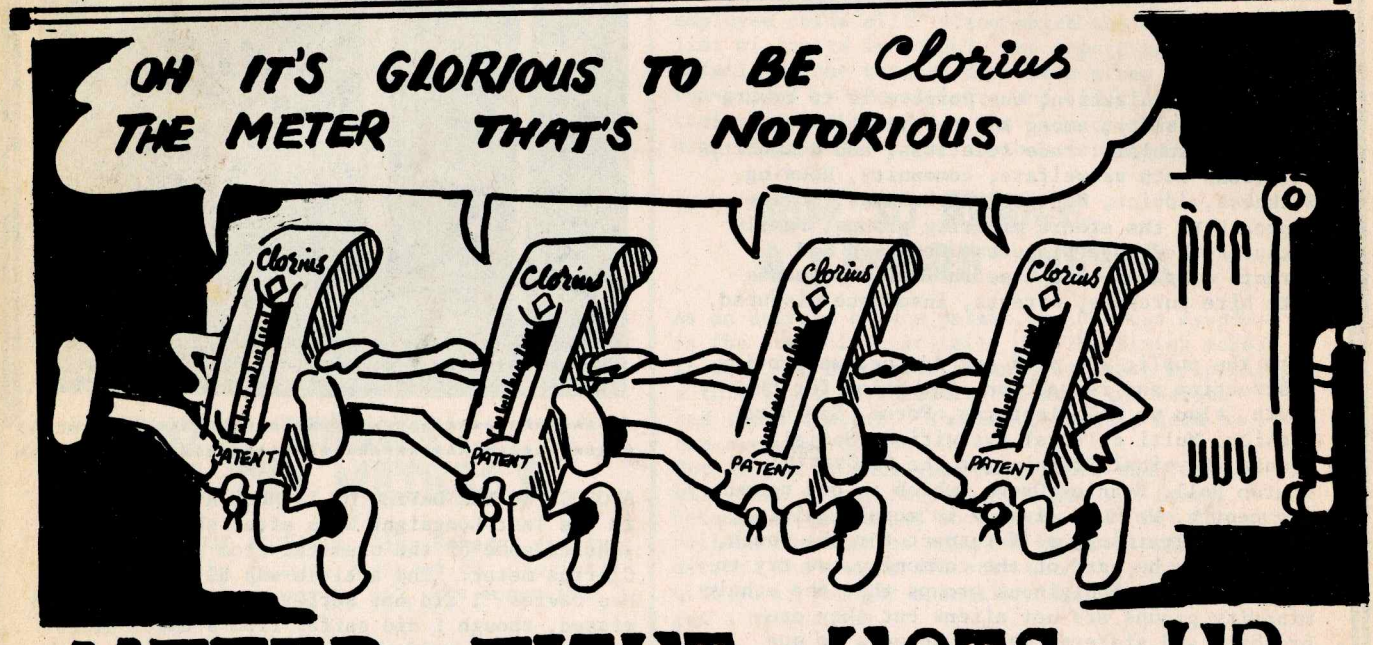

METER FIGHT HOTS UP

TENANTS CHALLENGE COUNCILLOR

"This report is a load of rubbish" - Alan Roberts, Chairperson of the Housing Committee

"Alan Roberts' statements in the Evening News are untrue from beginning to end! We challenge him to an open meeting with the press present to which he can bring his experts and we'll bring our experts and we'll prove with facts and figures that Clorius meters and unfair, inaccurate and dangerous"
- Dave Shaw, Longsight Tenants Assoc.

"I have not heard of any complaints" - Alan Roberts in Daily Express, Dec. '75

"A petition of 1000 signatures opposing the 80% increase in charges, and opposing the metering system was presented to Alan Roberts in June '75. He dismissed it." - Longsight Tenants' Report.

"One by one Alan Roberts refuted the tenants' claims about the meters" - M.E.News

"How can he refute technical arguments in our report or in the New Scientist report ? He can't because he hasn't the technical know-how"
- Tenants Committee member

"The shock claims about the dangers of Clorius meters originated in an 'underground' newspaper and not in a scientific journal" - Alan Roberts

"Does it matter what kind of newspaper it was if the facts are correct ?" - Tenants committee member.

"It was produced by people outside Longsight and presented as a tenants' document which it is not" - Alan Roberts in the Evening News

"The report was produced solely and purely by members of the Longsight Tenants Association. The technical data was made available by our consultant, David Josephs of Nottingham. But even he relied on the report by the Swiss firm Sulzer Bros - freely available on the shelves of M/c Central Library" - Dave Shaw, Longsight Tenants Assoc.

22-PAGE REPORT

The battle of words over Clorius meters stepped up as the new year began. Tenants were very annoyed at Alan Roberts attempt to dismiss their 22-page report and smear it as "underground" into the bargain. The report was prepared because councillors asked for it at a public meeting. Alan Roberts tried to slam it in the newspapers without giving any arguments as scientific or as technical as the report contained. The Housing Chairperson said in his press statement that consumption of heat could be forecast using these meters. A tenants committee member said in reply "We challenge Alan Roberts to give a correct reading for any house in the Longsight area before he knows what all the bills will be for gas and electricity and maintenance etc at the main boiler-house. One persons meters cannot be

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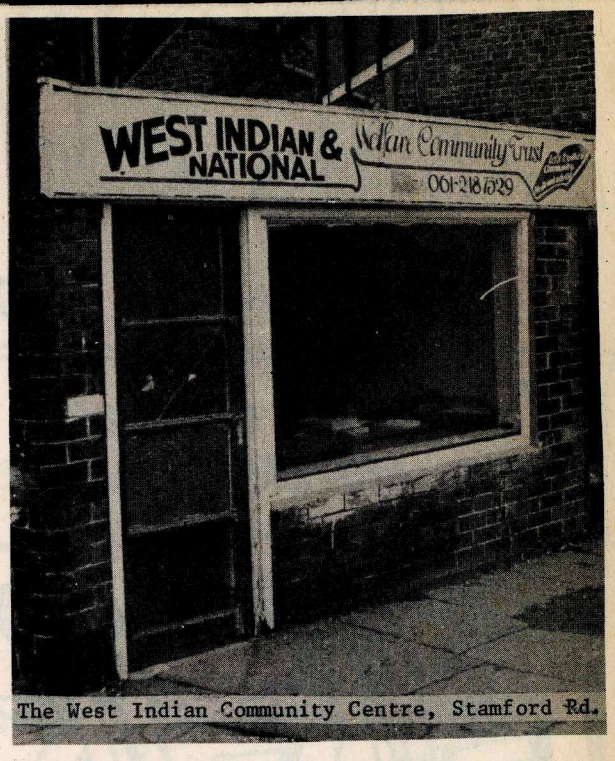
WEST INDIAN WELFARE

COMMUNITY TRUST

We as an organization, our purpose is to create a sense of unity, among all peoples, in respect of their problems: race relations, and community relations such as welfare, community, Housing, Sickness, Advice, Rents, Rent Rebates, Police, Approach to the ethnic minority groups, Family Disputes, Marriage Disputes, Children and parents disputes, Disputes in family payments with hire purchase, Arrears, Insurance disputed.

With the public who seek our advice, we provide instruction and recreation, Education for the youth, also we hold lectures, Forum, Seminars Session, Multi cultural activities, Social events, Physical Training at the St Cyprian Church Hall, Stanley Grove, which is our community centre. We hold classes in moral training, Religious Training, self respect for the youth, who need to be part of the community, we try to outline to the Indiginous groups that the ethnic minority groups are not aliens but they are brothers and sisters, we all belongs to one family regardless race or colours, creed or religion etc. We are children of the original pair, Adam and Eve.

Rev.Dr. B.F. Shepherd, secretary



The West Indian Community Centre, Stamford Rd.

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APOLOGY TO MRS DAVIES OF 14 MULL AVENUE, quoted in the last Longsight News after she accidently inhaled some of the chemical from a leaking Clorius meter. "The article was all wrong" said Mrs Davies "I did not suffer from chest pains as stated, though I did suffer from stomach pains. My own doctor said the chemical was harmless. The hospital said it's put in hair lacquer and perfumes".

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SHORTSIGHT NEWS

Managers of the Agecroft B power station recently staged a slap-up dinner on the 25th birthday of a generating machine. The Mayor of Salford, Nellie Openshaw and 17 other VIPs sat down to "coffee and cocktails, soup, steak with all the trimmings, wine, gateau, cheese and biscuits and liquers".
The Central Electricity Generating Board paid the £90 bill. ~~for this~~.
The working men and women who forged the parts and built the generator and who looked after it for 25 years were not invited.

Sunday People

NO VOTES IN LONGSIGHT

4 officials from the Town Hall (Registrar's Dept) had to tramp the streets of Longsight in October calling on people to fill in their electoral register forms. Very few forms had been returned enthusiastically by the local population. One e resident told the Town Hall person why: "You never see the councillors only at election time - what's the use ?"

BRS NAME CHANGE

State -owned BRS Parcels, the biggest transporters of road-borne parcels in the country is to spend £¼million on a name-change-.

The company will make the switch on February 1st to its new identity: Roadline UK.
- M/c Evening News

ARMY DESTROYS 24 MULES

Army vets have destroyed 24 mules as part of Britains policy of lowering its defence profile east of Suez, according to Hong Kong military officials.

The animals which were assigned tothe 414 Pack Transport Troops of the Royal Corps of Transport were destroyed after Britain officially disbanded the unit.

- M/c Evening News

METER FIGHT CONTD.

read on their own, they're so inaccurate - The best the meters can can do is to share out the costs of the fuel etc used at the main boiler-house between all the tenants - no matter how unjustly".

Until the bills come sometime this year nobody really knows how bad the meters really are. But if the bills are high there's likely to be a lot more tenants galvanised into action to get rid of them.

In Nov-Dec the tenants association produced their report (good value at 5p) and held 2 public meetings to get approval for it. They then demonstrated at the Weights and Measures office because of getting no help from them to investigate the Clorius device.

This was followed by a full-page article in a scientific magazine the New Scientist. This article found the same faults with the meters as the tenants did. Before it went on sale Alan Roberts told the press that the article was a load of rubbish".

WHAT'S WRONG WITH THE METERS?

1. THEY'RE NOT ACCURATE. Alan Roberts grants that they may be as much wrong as 4%. Clorius themselves admit it may be 15% The Longsight Tenants report says 24%!

2. THEY'RE DANGEROUS. There have been cases (reported in Longsight News) of people being made sick by fumes from the liquid in the meter.

3. THERE IS NO LEGAL PROTECTION AGAINST HIGH BILLS OR INACCURATE METERS - like there is say, with electricity or gas. An electricity meter must be accurate to within 2½% by law.

4. THERE'S ONE IN EVERY ROOM. Those who come to read them can wander into every room in the house. There's no privacy. Some tenants have refused to let these people in. Some have even refused to let the meters be put in in the first place.

The tenants case is set out in their report called "SHOCK REVELATION - CLORIUS: Ex-employee tells all!" (from which the above list of faults is taken). The report tells in detail how the tenants have been given the run-around by the officers and councillors in their efforts to remedy the Clorius affair before high bills come in, or someone is seriously injured.

HOW TO FIDDLE A CLORIUS METER

As an example of how unfair the Clorius system is the New Scientist tells us "The fixing makes it easy for dishonest tenants to cheat by pushing a thin layer of insulator between the device and the radiators." The meter is only held on by one screw.
But if you do this your neighbours and friends will have to pay for the heat you get free, because as explained above, the bill for the main boilerhouse must be paid for by the Longsight estate. The meters are only used to portion out this bill so if you get a smaller bill someone else must get a bigger one.

Sunderland Council recently withdrew Clorius meters from Washington and Sunderland estates. The council said that not only were the meters expensive to read and maintain but also caused increased maintenance costs because of the effects of condensation in houses left cold to save money.

Angry members of Longsight Tenants Association protesting outside the Weights and Measures Office, Newton Street, at the length of time taken to test Clorius meters. After 6 months the Tenants Assoc. still had no results from their request to have Clorius Meters investigated.

A spokesperson from Weights & Measures dept said Clorius are not being very co-operative and he doubted whether the meters would come into the scope of their dept.

TENANTS OPPRESSED

GAS CONSUMER COUNCIL NO HELP

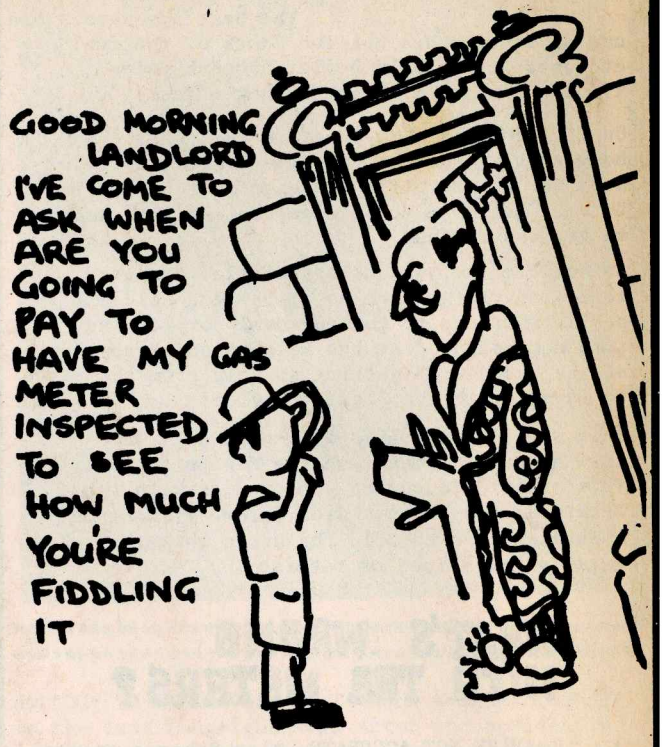
THE IMPOSSIBILTY OF CORRECTING SOMETHING WHICH IS CRIMINALLY WRONG - THAT IS WHAT YOU COME UP AGAINST IF YOU THINK THERE IS ANYTHING WRONG WITH THE GAS METER IN YOUR FLAT. Just try to get it corrected and see what happens. Nothing happens. I went to the Town Hall, they sent me to the Gas Consumers Council but despite their name they said they had complaints of the same kind many times, but there was nothing they could do and nothing they could tell me.

On a visit to the gas works in Stretford I met a Mr Edwards, senior clerk, who quite casually told me I should go to NW Gas Board at the 17th floor of St Andrews House, Manchester. There I was told on 4 separate occasions that all I needed was the property owners signature agreeing to my meter being inspected.

When, on the 5th occasion I went to them with the property-owners signature a Mr Hallows told me "It just wasn't worth the paper it was written on". He told me the property owner had to apply personally to have the meter examined, and had to pay for having it examined.

This is wrong, CRIMINALLY WRONG!

The only person who has anything to gain by interfering with a gas meter is the property owner. Yet the property-owner is the only one who can start an investigation in to any possible wrong doing. This you will be sure he will not do.


GOOD MORNING LANDLORD I'VE COME TO ASK WHEN ARE YOU GOING TO PAY TO HAVE MY GAS METER INSPECTED TO SEE HOW MUCH YOU'RE FIDDLING IT

If you have suspicions about your meter, you yourself can check the setting on it (get advice from Gas Showrooms, Gas Consultative Council, or local advice centre) and then apply to the landlord or landlady for a rebate. It is your right, but it seems the Gas Board will not support you.

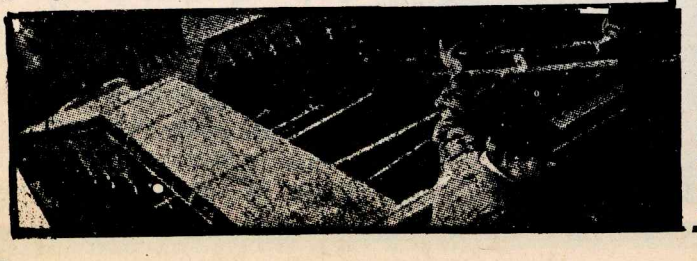
T F Thomson

NEWS IN BRIEF

* FLUVENT

The national economic depression has hit a firm which employs 200 people. Fluvent electrical in Newton Avenue are closing their Manchester site and moving to Liverpool to join with another G.E.C. site.

General Sales Manager, Mr Watson, said that they have been in business for 76 years. He believes they still have a viable business and everybody has been offered alternative employment in Liverpool or other G.E.C. sites. However, most employees are not going to uproot themselves and their families and follow their bosses so it is the employees in Longsight who are the losers.



BISCUITS & CARDBOARD DOWN, ARMY BRIDGES GOING WELL

* McVITIES went on short-time in 1975 and by November didn't have many vacancies. "No chance" said the man on the gate, "We've a waiting list of 600".

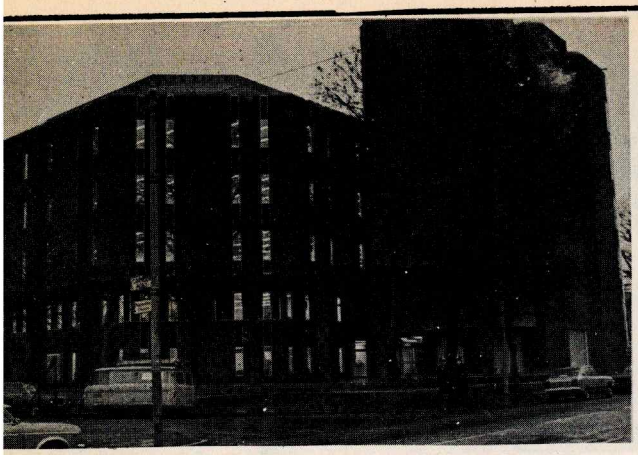
* BOWATER CARDBOARD of Crossley Rd: "No chance" said the man on the gate, "We let 200 go in the last 12 months".

* FAIREY ENGINEERING, Crossley Rd are doing nicely, thanks to a world-wide desire to maintain armies no matter what the expense.

They make a light-weight steel bridge for carrying tanks across rivers - altho' it has civilian uses too. The bridge is standard equipment with NATO and has been sold to 19 countries during the 4 years FAIREY have been making it. The Ministry of Defence controls the exports.

About ¼ of the 1400 people in the factory work on the bridges.

Did they share in the profit from the £37½million which sales of the bridges fetched in 1975?



PUT ON THE HEAT

BAX ROAD NORWEB HAVE BUILT A LARGE NEW FICE BLOCK, WELL LIT UP EVEN AT NIGHT. YET ALL OUND THEM THERE ARE HOUSES INCLUDING PENSION- S AND FAMILIES WITH YOUNG CHILDREN WHO ARE NDING IT VERY DIFFICULT TO MEET THEIR FUEL LLS. Fuel prices have risen by 50% this year.

th the Gas and Electric Boards are allowed to sconnect customers who do not pay their bill ter one reminder. This winter a quarterly bill r an all-electric house is likely to be £100. ny more people won't be able to pay. But the isconnection officers' who come round are on bonus scheme for disconnections so they often not stop to listen to people who offer to art paying off the bill, or who are pregnant ill or old. These people should never be cut f. A research worker has estimated that 370 d people will die every day in Britain this nter because they can't afford to keep warm. here should be rebates for fuel just as there e for rent and rates, and there should be no isconnections, fuel debts should be treated ike other debts and re-claimed through the ounty Court.

WHAT TO DO

If NORWEB or NW Gas have threatened to cut you off you can try to make an arrangement with them to pay off the debt. You can get help with this from:

* Welfare Rights Officer, Levenshulme Town Hall
* Neighbourhood Centre, 113 Hamilton Rd
* Longsight Tenants c/o 4 Mull Ave.

If you are on supplementary benefit or a pension you might be entitled to an extra 55p - £1.65 for heating if your house is very expensive to heat or you are ill. Apply to DHSS, Clarence Rd.

Everybody having trouble making ends meet this winter can check at the Neighbourhood Centre or Welfare Rights that they are getting all the rebates and benefits they are entitled to..

There is a RIGHT TO FUEL CAMPAIGN in Manchester which has been talking about this problem with M.P.s, the Dept of Health and Social Security, and Norweb. You can join a local group so you want to help in fighting cut-offs ring 228 2111 extension 200.

MORE SELLERS NEEDED

CIRCULATION IS NOW 1500 COPIES. OUR SELLERS ARE OVERWORKED! MORE SELLERS URGENTLY NEEDED TO MEET THE GROWING DEMAND!

COULD YOU TAKE A FEW COPIES "SALE OR RETURN" TO SELL ON YOUR STREET OR AT WORK? YOU'LL BE SURPRISED HOW QUICKLY THEY GO!

I would like ... copies of Longsight News SALE OR RETURN.
NAME.....
ADRESS.....

AROUND FORT ARDWICK

The North Longsight Community Association has a meeting for bingo and business every Wed evening in St Clements School, Dillon St.

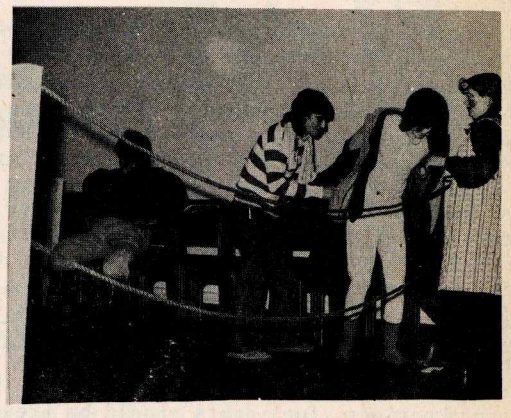
"It's going very well," says Mrs Bullock one of the organizers. "And if there's anything going on in the area (problems about the houses etc) we discuss all that as well." They ended up the Christmas with a social where they were entertained by St Brendans Junior Band.

As in 75 they will probably go on a coachtrip to Blackpool in March using, they hope, a grant from Social Services. About 100 people come each Wed mostly from the North Longsight area, but including people from as far as Brook House.

If you'd like to join in contact Mrs Bullock, 226 Cumbria House, Coverdale Crescent, phone 273 5279.

PARTY FUN

Longsight Adventure Playground's Xmas party was held on Sunday 14th Dec in Longsight Public Hall. The 150 children and 30 or 40 parents both contributed to the success of the party which began with a plentiful tea, served out to the children by energetic parents, who also were responsible for clearing up afterwards. Much credit should be given to "STREET LIFE" a theatre group from Rochdale, who performed a short play, very entertaining for both the children and the helpers.



COMMUNITY CENTRE AT LAST ?

On Wed 10th Dec representatives from several local groups in the Longsight Area met in the Longsight Public Hall to discuss the possibility of its future use as a community centre.

Groups represented included the Longsight One-Parent Family Group, Longsight Tenants Assoc., 2 over 60's clubs, the Longsight Adventure Playground and the Hamilton Rd Neighbourhood Centre.

The Public Hall is the old building at the junction of Stockport Rd and Plymouth Grove and next to the Longsight library. It is owned by the Corporation but at the moment, apart from the Good Companions over 60"s club, is not used regular by local groups. However it appears to have a great potential for wider community use since there are such limited facilities available in the Longsight area where groups can meet.

A decision was taken at the meeting on 10th Dec to set up a Steering Committee which would press for the building to be used as a community centre, and run by a local management committee in cooperation with the town hall.

For more information contact Andy Wiggans 22 Cringleford Walk, Longsight.

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STRICT CENTRE

FOR THE FIRST 15 YEARS OF ITS EXISTENCE AROUND £300,000 EVERY YEAR WOULD GO TO LONDON BUSINESSPEOPLE WHILE £5,000 PER YEAR WOULD GO TO THE PEOPLE OF MANCHESTER, FROM THE PROPOSED LONGSIGHT DISTRICT CENTRE - so says the Longsight District Centre Group which is fighting to get shops where the residents need them.

The Group says "We have evidence that the London firm's tender to the Town Hall last year said that the Corporation would only get the ground rent - £5,000 per annum - for the first 15 years. That's peanuts while such vast sums are going to London.

After 15 years the businesspeople who build the centre will get over £400,000 each year. The Town Hall ie. the citizens won't get a tenth of that for close on 20 years. In other words the hard earned money of Longsight people will simply pour down the road to London while a trickle goes back to Albert Square.

PLANNERS AGREE TO POLL

under pressure from councillors (Ford, Grainger, Collins, Taylor and others) the policy committee decided that residents should be consulted as to what kinds of shops they want, and where they want them.

Longsight residents met and decided to ask that one house in every five should be asked about their views on shopping.

As many residents as possible should get a chance to tell the Town Hall where they now shop, and where they'd like new shops and what kind.

SHOPPING MISSION

A group of Longsight people visited the new Moss Side District Centre and asked shoppers what they thought of it. They also wanted to see if they could get 3 simple household articles - a pair of stick-on soles, a hook-and-eye catch for a door and a flea-collar for a cat. Here's what happened.

Shoppers said
"I'd prefer Alexandra Rd. You come to these places and you pick up things you don't really want. With Alec Rd you went to where you wanted and no more."

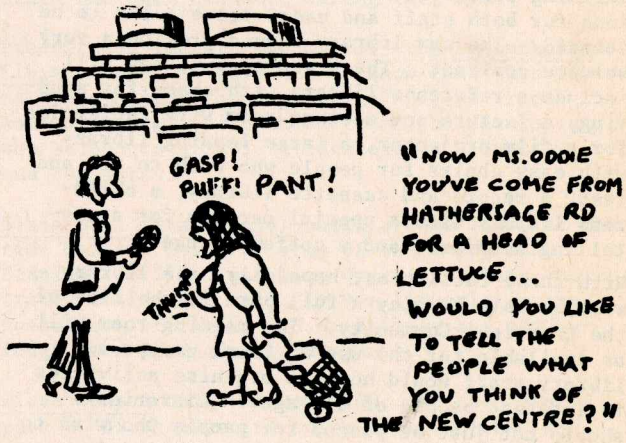
"Myself and my married daughter are pleased with it. We live in Hulme. The little precinct of shops there is dear. Here you're in out of the weather. We didn't like Alec Rd."

"It's much too dear. No, they pulled a good shopping centre down. There's no pet shop and no launderette. I have to walk to the othe other end of Alexandra Rd for a laundrette."

"Put it down it's too dear. I live just opposite. I don't like it."

"It was better on the road (Alec Rd)"

Two shop assistants in a drapers said "We've been here 5½ months. We're slack every day except Fri and Saturday. We can't see the sun all day and it wasn't like that on Alec Rd. Maybe we'll get used to it."


GASP! PUFF! PANT!
"NOW MS. ODDIE YOU'VE COME FROM HATHERSAGE RD FOR A HEAD OF LETTUCE... WOULD YOU LIKE TO TELL THE PEOPLE WHAT YOU THINK OF THE NEW CENTRE?"

Older people didn't seem to like the centre as much as younger. But then Moss Side Centre caters for fashion: out of 42 shops counted by the Longsight group 14 were clothes or shoe shops ie. one in every 3 was a fashion shop. There were 4 food shops plus 2 supermarkets. There were 3 TV dealer shops.

RENT AND RATES CAME TO £2,500 ON A FIRST-FLOOR PREMISES. "IT'S NEARER £4,000 ON THE GROUND FLOOR" SAID A SHOPKEEPER.

As for the 3 articles sought after, the Longsight visitors were told to go to Princess Rd for the hook-and-eye, they had to go to Shude Hill for Phillip's Stick-on-Soles** and they did get the cat's collar but not in the precinct. They got it on a pet stall in the covered market nearby.

**See DODGE COLUMN page 8.

Work started at the beginning of November on the section of the Longsight District Centre which is to contain the new Longsight library. The library will have a complete building to itself but will be next door to the Probation and Social Services offices. The site for all 3 departments is on Stockport Rd, next to the Church Inn. If work goes according to schedule, the library should be finished towards the end of 1977.

EASY CHAIRS

The present Longsight Library, at the rear of the Public Hall, on the corner of Plymouth Grove and Stockport Rd, is the oldest public library building still in use in Manchester. The library service there dates from 1886 and the building itself is much older than that; conditions for both staff and users leave a lot to be desired. The new library should provide a very welcome contrast. The 2-storey building will include a reference library with space for studying, a lecture and meeting room with facilities for a film projector, a large lending library with easy chairs for people who wish to sit and read, a record and cassette library, a childrens library with a special section for story-telling sessions, and a coffee lounge.

With these facilities, hopefully, the library will be able to play a full part in the life of the Longsight Community. The meeting room will be available for the use of local groups and library staff would hope to organise activities to interest people of all ages. Libraries should not just be places for people who wish to read books. However, to be able to read is, whether we like it or not, important in our society. Children, in particular, should grow up used to handling books and it is much easier to encourage them if there is an attractive building to which they may go.

LEVENSHULME OK

Some people fear that the opening of a new library in Longsight will affect the position of Levenshulme library. There are no plans to close Levenshulme Library, indeed, tentative plans being drawn up at present allow for the modernization and extension of this building at some future time. Similarly, it is unlikely, if the mobile library service continues to operate under present conditions, that the Meldon Road stop will be discontinued.

Pat Coleman (Librarian)

DODGE COLUMN

★ SOLES & HEELS

It costs women 90p for stick-on-soles to be done at Timpsons. For men its £1.
Heels cost 65p (women) to be repaired. For men its 86p.
But if you buy the materials yourself - and the only place we know of is G Hargreaves, 43 Shudehill (near the 2nd hand books and records stall) - it works out much cheaper:

Womens stick-on-soles 36p
Mens 49p

Womens heels 7p to 18p
Mens 20p tp 27p.

A tube of glue costs 11p.

Doing the Repairs: you need a piece of sandpaper to clean off the old surface, a knife or blade to trim off edges if the new soles are too big, and a pliers or pincers for getting off old heels, if need be.

You'll need a hammer to tap on the new pieces. Clamps would be useful for holding the soles firmly while the glue sets but you can get by using a small vice or adjustable spanner or even the screwing partof
even the screw part of a hand mincing machine. but protect the uppers from pressure which would bend them out of shape. With luck you won't need clamps, ok ?

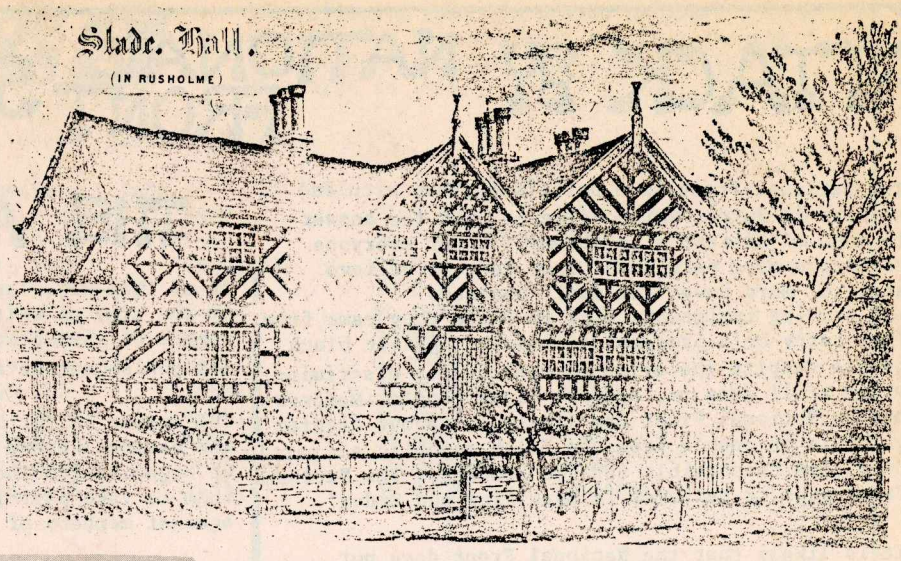
★ GUITAR PLECTRUMS

It makes sense to make your own plectrums because factory-made ones can cost 20p. You can use the plastic in a Clinic Medicated Shampoo bottle, or (second-best) a Boots Family Shampoo bottle. Cut out the shape you want and taper the edges with sandpaper or the side of a Puck matckbox, or a concrete wall.

A scissors or safety blade should be good enough to cut the bottles.

IDEAS FOR THIS COLUMN ARE WELCOME

A History of Longsight and Levensholme



Gore Brook at Pink Bank Lane

When we walk about Longsight and Levenshulme, with its closely built up area, do we ever give a thought to what it was like many years ago? Perhaps we may do now and again.

For instance, not many people passing under the railway bridge which carries the main line to London, would ever dream that Kirkmanshulme Lane which dips sharply under that bridge, was once a Roman road.

The Roman road, known as the London Road carried on towards Ashton Old Road in one direction, and in the other was Birch Lane, towards Chorlton. The area known as Kirkmanshulme was gifted by an early baron to the church, with the permission of King Henry.

Or take Levenshulme, the name is derived from Levan, a brook and Hulme, or holme denotes a flat area beside a river or brook. This word Hulme denotes Danish origin. As a village, it was mentioned in a survey in 1322, and at that time was called Lyvensholme.

The Levenshulme area had three brooks known as Nikker Brook, Dye Brook and Gore Brook. This latter derived its title from a battle between Saxons and Danes, at Reddich, or Reddish as it is now known. The area was stained with blood and the river also became red with blood during that fierce battle.

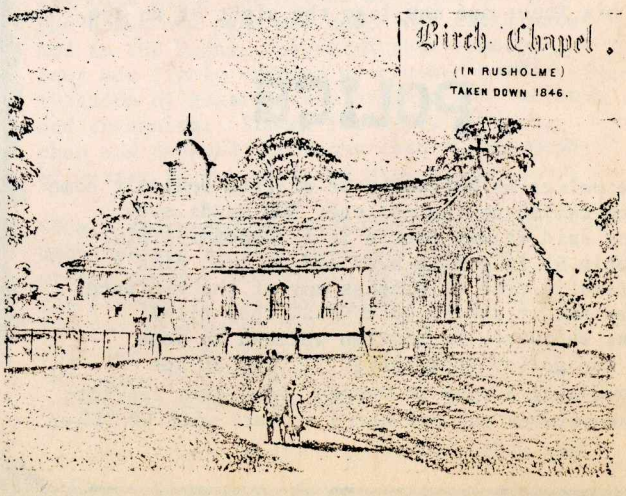
OLD BLUE BELL

The earliest known landed proprietors of Levenshulme were the Leigh family of Baguley. It may interest patrons of the Old Blue Bell to know that an inn was built on that site 700 years ago. It would be interesting to know how many pints had been consumed during that time.

Present day readers who borrow from Levenshulme Library would be surpised to know that this library was started by a grant of £2,500 from Andrew Carnegie, a rich American philanthropist, who helped to stimulate interest in libraries, and the arts.

Slade Hall (Slade Lane) built around 1585, at one time had the coats of arms of the Derby and Stanley families, and also Queen Elizabeth, portrayed inside the hall. It was formerly in the possession of the L. & N.W. Railway and now belongs to a firm of estate agents.

Birch Chapel built around 1540, and the reference to Birch promotes an observation that a certain Mathew De Birch accompanied a Knight of Withington to the Holy Land, where he was able to rescue him when he fell during a battle there.



ATTACK BY NATIONAL FRONT SUPPORTERS

The National Front is a political group with an address in Surrey which believes that the answer to most of Britain's "problems" is for everyone to become more patriotic. They seem to believe also in more power for small business and sending immigrants back to where they came from. They carry on a propaganda campaign against black people despite the evidence that colour discrimination still goes on, against black people. Members of the National Front are likely to favour tighter controls on people from the Irish republic and partly hold them responsible for the bombings. The National Front says it believes in more 'law and order'.

It is likely that the National Front does not like strong trades unions and is more concerned about getting people disciplined than about defending peoples rights. (And yet in many non-union jobs today the workers are treated like paid servants to be hired and fired).

A group of National Front supporters went to a meeting of the National Council for Civil Liberties in UMIST recently and attacked those at it by throwing chairs, bottles and bricks from the back of the hall.

ANTI-TERRORIST ACT

The meeting, which included some people from Longsight and Levenshulme was called to discuss the Anti-terrorist Act because that Act gives too much power to the police to arrest and hold people. In the first year of its use, 1000 people were detained without trial and only 3% were later charged with a serious offence.

Those at the meeting, and certainly the NCCL with its long history of defence of people's freedom, were not supporters of bombing campaigns no matter who they are carried out by.

The meeting had hardly begun when the 30 or so supporters of the National Front started hailing chairs into the crowd. An elderly lady was struck and later taken to hospital. A man from Levenshulme was struck in the back with a brick. 6 people were taken to hospital (none of the National Front supporters were): one received 19 stitches in his face; one may lose the sight of an eye.

POLICE

The police at Whitworth St station wouldn't come when called to the college, 300 yards away. They said it was Bootle St's responsibility. Bootle St is a mile away and police didn't arrive in time to witness any of the violence. When the attackers left UMIST they filed past Whitworth St station watched by some of the police from there. One of the crowd sang a song in German, some gave fascist-type salutes and one waved a scarf with ULSTER on it.

THE ANSWER?

29 of them were later arrested and let out on bail. At the time of writing there has been no report of them being charged;; not that trial and punishment is any answer.

The answer is for members and sympathisers of the National Front to ask themselves what kind of organisation they have joined if it leads them to take part in a kind of terrorism against members of the public.

Those who disagree with National Front ideas and violence have to prove in their factory or neighbourhood that their own ideas are better. And where you meet someone who sympathises with the National Front ask them to explain why people were attacked in the students union in UMIST.

NOTE

As for the claim by the National Front that black people (the phrase is meant to cover all coloured people) get better treatment than whites here are 2 points out of many that could be made:

the government recently reported that unemployment among black people is 70% higher than for the country as a whole;

in many comprehensive schools today you'll find a high number of black kids in the lower 'slower' classes, not because they're stupid but because they're too alive for the educational system of today (which is what is really stupid) or because they can't speak English like someone born here. (It is true too that the nicer schools and the softer jobs are more available to children of the wealthy than of the poor - whether black or white.)

MB

HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM HAMILTON ROAD
The new year was a bare 8½ hours old when a Mantax taxi coming out of Slade Grove rammed this car in Hamilton Rd. The driver of the car received bruises to his legs.

CHESS

The following game was played on board 2 in a postal match between Lancs 1st team and the British Correspondence Chess Association of 90 a side in 1969.

Lancs 1st BCCA 1st
J Wolstenholme Rev K S Proctor. Queens gambit declined.

1	P-Q4	P-Q4	13	P-QN4(d)	BxNP	25 R-N2	KR-QB1(j)
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2	P-QB4	P-K3	14	B-N2	P-N5	26 P-QR4(k)	K-R1
3	N-QB3	P-QB4(a)	15	N-Q4	KR-N1(e)	27 P-R5	B-B3(1)
4	BPxP	BPxP!?(b)	16	N/3-N5(f)	K-N1	28 BxB	PxB
5	Q-R4ch(c)	B-Q2	17	P-QR3(g)	B-QB4	29 P-R6!(m)	Q-K5
6	QxQP	PxP	18	Q-B2(h)	NxN	30 KR-N1	N-N4
7	QxQP	N-QB3	19	BxN	BxB	31 P-N3	R-QN1
8	N-B3	N-B3	20	NxB	P-KR4	32 Q-N4(n)	Q-K1
9	Q-Q1	B-QB4	21	QR-N1	R-QB1	33 Q-B5	R/1-B1
10	P-K3	Q-K2	22	Q-N3	R-B2	34 RxN	PxR
11	BxK2	O-O-O	23	B-B4	N-K5	35 Q-Q5ch	R-B3
12	O-O	P-KN4	24	B-Q5!!	N-Q3(i)	36 R-QB1	Q-Q1(o)

Black resigns.

(a) The Tarrasch Defence
(b) A brave development sacrificing a pawn for quick development. The van Hennig-Schara variation as it is called deserves to be played more often as it is both sharp and has surprise value particularly for over the board matches!
(c) White could play at once 5 QxP, but I feared 5 ... N-QB3; 6 QxQP, B-K3; 7 QxQch, RxQ; 8 P-K3, QN-N5; 9 B-N5ch, K-K2; 10 B-R4, B-B5! Instead 10 K-B1!! and White has nothing to fear with plus material. Black's best therefore would be 6 ... B-Q2 reverting to the game as played.
(d) Black has an excellent development with a strong looking King side attack looming up. White decides to give back the pawn to catch up on his own development. What then has White to look forward to in this opening? In these opposite castling positions, given equal chances, it is notorious that Q side castling is more vulnerable to attack than K side. For one thing the K usually has to lose time moving off the openB file to N1. On these slender resources White relies but he must play incisively.
(e) 15 ... P-KR4; at once may be stronger. Black obviously is uneasy about the Rook being on the White B diagonal. But there is also a cunning threat of 16 ... P-N6!! 17 RPxP, RxP! 18 PxR, QxPch with a won game!
(f) countered in the correct spirit of counter-attack! If now 16 ... P-N6? 17 RPxP, RxP? 18 NxN!! BxN; 19 NxPch, K-B2 (forced); 20 NxB, PxN (again forced); 21 Q-R4, R-N3 (otherwise 22 BxN wins a piece); 22 Q-R7ch! K-Q3; 23 QR-Q1ch, K-K3; 24 B-B4ch, N-Q4; 25 Q-R4 and Black cannot survive.
(g) 17 Q-R4, P-QR3; 18 NxNch, BxN; 19 BxN? Q-K5!!
(h) Threatening 19 NxNch, PxN; 20 BxN, QxB; 21 QxB with the advantage.
(i) If now 24 ... N-Q7?? 25 QxPch! RxQ; 26 RxPch, K-B1; 27 R-B1ch winning. The black pieces are being slowly reduced to defensive roles.
(j) Preventing 26 KR-N1, but the once proud Black attack looks very poor now.
(k) Heading for R6!
(l) Desperation. But if 27 ... P-R3; 28 Q-N6 (threat 29 QxRPch), B-N4; 29 RxB followed after 29 ... PxR; by 30 P-R6.
(m) Just in time to prevent 29 ... R-N2. It is only a matter of time now.
(n) Threat 33 NxN winning Q (33 ... QxQ? 34 NxR mate)
(o) Black wrote this move on the scoresheet, then realising that 37 RxR won outright he resigned. Worthy of note in this game was the strength of the square Q4 for the White KTS.

J.Wolstenholme

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recipe corner:

Aduki Bean and Gunga Pea Stew

Ingredients (for four)
Aduki Beans and Gunga peas
1 large onion
3 cloves of garlic
3 or 4 good sized carrots
¼lb mushrooms
¼pint of strong beer
1 tin of tomatoes
Herbs -savoury, marjoram and sage
Tamari or salt and black pepper
and brown sugar for seasoning

Soak beans and peas overnight. Cook in a pan with their soaking water, a little salt and a small pinch of savoury. Simmer on a low heat. Cut up the onion and carrots and fry them until the onions are soft and golden The beans and peas may need some extra water. Add to the beans, onions carrots tomatoes, beer and finely chopped or crushed garlic, teaspoon of augar, pinch of sage and marjoram and seasoning. Simmer for a few minutes, then add chopped mushrooms (add a good knob of butter if you like the stew extra rich).

The mixture should be sloppy but not watery; beans should be softening but still be pretty chewy. You should be able to detect the flavour of all the ingredients. Cover and put in oven at Gas 4-5 (350-375°). Cook for 1-2 hours till beans are soft and the sauce thick and rich with all the flavours deliciously blended.

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